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MEMORANDUM

TO: DS/OSP/PRD, Mr. Kenneth E. Lopez
FROM: DAIG/SEC, *Cham* Mr. Harry Manchester
SUBJECT: DS/PI Proposed Overseas Storage Standards for Classified Information
REF: (a) Confidential State 324710
(b) DS/OSP/PRD letter dated October 20, 1987

On October 1, 1987, IG/SEC attendees at the Overseas Security Policy Group were provided with a copy of the subject standards. During the OSPG meeting, we were advised that the Department would conduct a survey of all agencies to determine which posts meet or do not meet the proposed standards. It was our understanding that subsequent meetings would follow to discuss the results of that survey and its potential impact on implementing the standards.

To learn via reference (a) that the Department has implemented the proposed standards and made them applicable to all foreign affairs agencies, without the benefit of formal consultation, is discouraging and contrary to the purpose for which the OSPG was established.

We believe that with rare exception, A.I.D. does not meet the new standards. The resource implications for implementing the proposed standards may be significant for A.I.D. in terms of operational efficiency and potential costs. To provide the information you have requested in reference (b), it will be necessary for A.I.D. to conduct an appropriate survey.

Before we initiate our survey, we would appreciate meeting with you as soon as possible to coordinate our efforts. We would appreciate acquiring the results of the Department's survey as it pertains to A.I.D. and learning if the Department is willing to absorb any costs associated with implementing the new standards.

cc: Mr. Louis Schwartz
Chairman, OSPG